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Applicant	:	Ortega et al.
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For	:	USE OF THE GENE <i>NcSAG4</i> FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND PREVENTION OF NEOSPOROSIS AND AS A MARKER FOR ANALYSIS OF THE PATHOGENESIS
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified US National Phase application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are mentioned on page 6 and are attached as an Appendix.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.